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Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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Title: METHOD OF PREPREGGING WITH RESIN AND NOVEL  
PREPREGS PRODUCED BY SUCH METHOD  
Attorney  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the items identified on the attached PTO 1449 form are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Because the present application is a national phase application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/US98/14122, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/890,574, filed July 9, 1997, it is Applicant's understanding that all of the items previously of record in the priority application, Serial No. 08/890,574, filed July 9, 1997, are now also of record in the present national phase application. Those items are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully draws

the Examiner's attention to the items previously of record in the parent application and now of record herein. Because of the number of items cited in the priority application, Applicants are not providing an additional copy but rely on 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). ("A copy of any patent, publication or other information listed in an information disclosure statement is not required to be provided if it was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in a prior application, provided that the prior application is properly identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120." However, Applicant would be happy to furnish the Examiner a copy of any of the references at the Examiner's request.

Two additional items are being cited: Goldsworthy et al., U.S. 2,871,911 and Stiles, U.S. 4,168,194. These items are believed to be cumulative but are being submitted for the Examiner's own assessment.

Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the following related applications: Serial No. 09/246,978, filed February 9, 1999, which claims priority to PCT/US98/14122, which was a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/890,574; and Serial Number 09/253,805, which is a divisional of Serial Number 08/890,574. Copies of these applications are enclosed.

The above references are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the invention obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

If, for some reason, a petition and/or fee is due in order for the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement, please consider this document to be such a petition and charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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